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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR VALOR TEXAS APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF ORDER DENYING WAIVER OF 2003 X-FACTOR REDUCTION

WC Docket No. 03-166

COMMENTS DUE: August 15, 2003

REPLY COMMENTS DUE: August 29, 2003

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, L.P. (Valor Texas) on July 11, 2003, filed an Application for Review of the Wireline Competition Bureau's Order denying Valor Texas' petition to waive the 2003 X-factor reductions required by section 61.45(b)(1)(i) of the Commission's rules.¹

Interested parties may file comments no later than **August 15, 2003**. Reply comments may be filed no later than **August 29, 2003**. All filings should refer to **WC Docket No. 03-166**.²

Submissions may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS") or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to: http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the docket number of this proceeding. Only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to <ecfs@fcc.gov>, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 61.45(b)(1)(i); Valor Telecommunications of Texas, L.P. Petition for Waiver of the 2003 X-Factor Reductions Under Section 61.45(b)(1)(i) of the Commission's Rules, WCB/Pricing File No. 03-16, Order, 18 FCC Rcd 11523 (2003).

² This is a newly docketed proceeding and submissions should contain this new reference number. We note that the Application for Review contains an incorrect reference number that should not be used by the parties.

Parties wishing to file comments on paper must send the original and four (4) copies to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554, Attention: Marvin F. Sacks. Parties should also serve one copy with Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 863-2893, or via e-mail to <qualexint@aol.com>.

Paper copies can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail:

- Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to: Vistronix, Inc., 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002 (8 a.m. to 7 p.m.). All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Other messenger-delivered documents, including documents sent by commercial overnight mail (other than United States Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to: 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743 (8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.).
- U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be sent to: 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

Documents in WC Docket No. 03-166 are available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from Qualex International, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898.

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

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